



the campaign to prevent unplanned pregnancy

Key Information about Mississippi as of December 2019

State Policies to Increase Access to and Information About Contraception ⁱ	Does State Have Law or Policy?
Expand Medicaid to childless adults as the ACA allows	No
Medicaid Family Planning Waiver or State Plan Amendment (SPA)	Yes
Medicaid reimbursement for postpartum LARC	Yes
State law/policies that allow pharmacists to prescribe contraception	No
State law/policies to extend the supply of prescription contraceptives	No
State law/policies to educate college students about unplanned pregnancy	Yes
State laws/policies to protect contraceptive coverage	No
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Funding Streams for Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy Prevention ⁱⁱ	Current Annual Funding Level
Personal Responsibility Education Funding (PREP) ¹	
State PREP (if state opted to receive formula grant)	\$507,450
Competitive PREP grants awarded in the state (if state opted out)	-
Tribal PREP	-
Personal Responsibility Education Innovative Strategies (PREIS)	-
Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program ^{1, 2}	\$3,559,772
Pregnancy Assistance Fund (PAF)	\$1,606,939
Title V State Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (if state opted to receive)	\$865,122
Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program ³	\$958,776
Title X Family Planning Program	\$4,300,000

State Stats ⁱⁱⁱ
198,730 women in need of publicly funded contraception live in contraceptive deserts
67% births are funded by Medicaid, as of 2017

¹ Evidence-based education programs

² This may include multi-state grants and/or grants awarded to an organization in another state that benefit youth in MS

³ Replaced the Competitive Abstinence Education Program beginning in FY 2016

FEDERAL TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION GRANTS⁴

Current Grants

Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program

FY 2019

Aiming for Healthy Families – Corinth, MO

\$958,776 (to be spent through FY 2020)

State Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)

FY 2019

Mississippi State Department of Health

\$507,450

The Mississippi State Department of Health is using PREP funds to support evidence-based school and community-based interventions in over 30 school districts that have adopted an “abstinence-plus” education policy that addresses both abstinence and contraception (state law allows districts to choose between abstinence-plus or abstinence-only). The funds are targeted to high need areas, youth in the juvenile justice system, and summer camp participants.

Title V State Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Grant

FY 2019

Mississippi Department of Human Services

\$865,122

The Mississippi Department of Human Services administers the grant and sub-contracts the funds to the Mississippi Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs. Programming is provided through the Boys & Girls Clubs to youth age 10–17 and their parents across the state.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program — Tier 1 (Phase 1)

FY 2019 – FY 2020

Aiming for Healthy Families – Corinth, MO

\$442,000

Aiming for Healthy Families will implement YOUTH RISE (Responsibility, Integrity, Self-Control) = Empowerment: A Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program at four school districts, targeting 750 teens ages 14-19 and their families. The YOUTH RISE program focuses on addressing risk factors at the youth, family, and community levels. Student participants will receive 12 hours of age-appropriate, medically accurate, and evidence-based information through the Love Notes Sexual Risk Avoidance (SRA) curriculum and will have opportunities to participate in Youth Action Teams. In addition, students’ parents and caregivers will receive at least 75 minutes of parent support education to strengthen family communication. The program will use community mobilization activities to strengthen capacity within the target communities (**Benton, Tishomino, and Prentiss counties**).

⁴ Federal teen pregnancy prevention grants are listed as annual amounts, unless otherwise noted.

Community Students Learning Center - Lexington, MS
\$493,000

The Community Students Learning Center, in partnership with the Holmes County School District and community allies, will implement HOPE (Health Optimization & Prevention Educations), a program for underserved, rural, disadvantaged youth. Based on the Love Notes Sexual Risk Avoidance (SRA) curriculum and developed for teens at risk for unstable relationships and unplanned pregnancies, HOPE will provide adolescents in grades 6-12 with education on pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, intimate partner violence prevention, and healthy relationship knowledge and skills. HOPE also uses a positive youth development approach, building adolescents' assets, strengthening their protective factors, and appealing to their aspirations.

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program — Tier 2 (Phase 1)
FY 2018 – FY 2019**

Delta Health Alliance - Stoneville, MS
\$374,773

Delta Health Alliance will administer the Delta Futures II program with adolescents ages 16-19 in six rural counties in the Mississippi Delta region. More specifically, Delta Health Alliance will implement and evaluate the Pre-Conception Peer Educator model for pregnancy prevention and delay in partnership with local colleges, GED prep programs, and workforce development centers. The program recruits and trains youth who are not enrolled in public school to conduct outreach and education with their peers regarding pre-conception health, risk reduction, strategies for avoiding unplanned pregnancy, and long-term goal setting related to family planning. The program aims to promote healthy decision-making and to enhance protective factors for youth, with the goal of preventing adolescent pregnancies and reducing disparities among older adolescents in the Mississippi Delta region.

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program — Tier 1
FY 2015 – FY 2019**

Delta Health Alliance - Stoneville, MS

Program models: *Draw the Line/Respect the Line; Making Proud Choices; Promoting Health Among Teens! Comprehensive Abstinence and Safer Sex Intervention*
\$1,499,999

The Delta Health Alliance, Inc.'s Delta Futures project is designed to assist public school districts and five local Rural Health Clinics across 10 rural counties in replicating evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs in school, clinic, and community settings. The goal of this initiative is to have the greatest impact on preventing teen pregnancy and reducing disparities in the Mississippi Delta by implementing evidence-based programs (EBPs) in communities with the greatest need, ensuring that EBPs selected are a good fit for those populations, and adopting strategies to implement the EBPs in a way that increases the programs' reach to as many youth as possible.

My Brother's Keeper

Ridgeland, MS

Project name: *REACH 2.0 CBA*

\$750,000

My Brother's Keeper, Inc. (MBK) intends to reduce the rates of teen pregnancy and other existing health disparities among youth age 11-19 in Central Southwest Mississippi River Region by building the capacity of youth-serving organizations to replicate evidence-based TPP programs to scale. In order to achieve this goal, MBK implements the REACH 2.0 CBA Project. REACH 2.0 focuses on improving

the capacity of youth-serving organizations to replicate evidence-based TPP programs to scale in order to significantly reduce rates of teen pregnancy and other health disparities. The objective is to build the organizational and programmatic capacity of youth-serving organizations that have been identified as staples in the community to implement and evaluate teen pregnancy prevention programs specific to the culture and needs of the communities.

**CDC Grant
FY 2015 – FY 2019**

Mississippi First, Inc. - Jackson, MS
\$614,600

The grantee will implement Focused Pregnancy Prevention for Mississippi Teens (Focus4Teens), which includes health center and youth-serving system partners in the Mississippi Delta region (Coahoma, Quitman, and Tunica counties). Partners include federally-qualified health centers and Title X clinics, as well as youth-serving system partners consisting of school districts, a mental health center, and community-based organizations. In this 5-year initiative, Focus4Teens will build the capacity of health center partners to provide youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services and increase the number of young people accessing and receiving these services. Referral systems will be developed to link vulnerable youth to care and to increase awareness of health services in the community.

Prior Grants

**Competitive Abstinence Education Grant Program
FY 2014**

SR1 (Scientific Research) - Ridgeland, MS
\$496,244 (to be spent through FY 2015)

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (TPPP) – Tier 1
FY 2010 – FY 2014**

Southeast Mississippi Rural Health Initiative (SeMRHI) - Hattiesburg, MS	\$500,000
Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Inc - Lambert, Mississippi	\$1,014,493

**PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE FUND
FY 2018 – FY 2020**

Mississippi Department of Health – Jackson, MS
\$970,000

FY 2015 – FY 2019

Mississippi State Department of Health – Jackson, MS
\$636,939

TITLE X FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES IN MISSISSIPPI^{iv}

- Title X–supported centers provided contraceptive care to 24,035 women in Mississippi in 2018.⁵
- Services at Title X-supported centers helped women avoid 11,500 unintended pregnancies, which would have resulted in 5,600 births and 4,100 abortions.
- By preventing sexually transmitted diseases, cervical cancer, and unplanned pregnancies, Title X-supported centers in Mississippi saved \$78.1 million in public funds in a single year.
- From FY 2010 to FY 2017, the amount of federal funding Mississippi received for Title X decreased by \$958,838, resulting in 38,586 fewer (59%) patients served.
- In 2017, prior to the new Title X rule, 125 clinics in Mississippi received support from Title X. They included health department clinics (97), federally qualified health centers (26), a university-based health center (1), and other service sites (1).

For Further Information

ⁱ For an overview of these state policies, see <https://powertodecide.org/what-we-do/information/resource-library/key-state-policies-glance>

ⁱⁱ For an overview of federal funding for teen pregnancy prevention, see <https://powertodecide.org/what-we-do/information/resource-library/federal-funding-streams-at-a-glance>

ⁱⁱⁱ See more state statistics at <https://powertodecide.org/what-we-do/information/national-state-data/Mississippi>

⁵ “Title X-supported centers” are supported by a mix of funding sources (in addition to Title X funding) including Medicaid, funding from state and local governments, private grants and fundraising, reimbursement from commercial insurance, patient fees, and federal grants.

About Power to Decide: *Power to Decide, the campaign to prevent unplanned pregnancy, works to ensure that every young person has the power to decide if, when, and under what circumstances to get pregnant and have a child—increasing their opportunity to pursue the future they want. Join us at PowerToDecide.org.*